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* These claims assume entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b). That is, the word "optionally" has been deleted from a portion of the description of the variable "W."

** So that these claims mirror Claims 118-120 from Appendix A (other than containing the substituent definitions), the word "optionally" has also been deleted from a portion of the description of the variable "W" in these claims.

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The assignment filed in the parent to this case (USSN 08/996,422; Attorney's Docket No. 002010-062 ("the -062 case")) is to both Eli Lilly and Company and Athena Neurosciences, Inc. Subsequent to this assignment, Athena Neurosciences, Inc. was purchased by Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Accordingly, the real parties in interest for the involved application are Eli Lilly and Company and Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

This appeal pertains to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/915,263; Attorney Docket No.: 002010-593 ("the -593 case"). A companion appeal brief pertaining to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/916,440; Attorney Docket No.: 002010-586 ("the -586 case") was filed on March 31, 2003.¹

The appealed claims in the -586 case are directed to compounds and pharmaceutical compositions, whereas the appealed claims in this case are directed to methods using these compounds and pharmaceutical compositions. As the -586 case and the -593 case are directed to different statutory classes, Appellants submit there are no related appeals or interferences.

Other than the foregoing, there are no other appeals or interferences known to Appellants, their legal representatives, or their assignees which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

¹ Claims in the -586 case have also been finally rejected as containing an improper Markush group.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/996,422; Attorney's Docket No. 002010-062,² which, in turn, claims priority to Provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/064,851 Attorney's Docket No. 002010-022. The status of the claims in this application is as follows: Claims 1-98 and 113-117 have been canceled; Claims 99-112 and 118-130 are pending; Claims 99-112 have been withdrawn from consideration; Claims 99-112 and 121-130 are being canceled by the concurrently-filed Amendment After Final Rejection; and Claims 118-120 are being appealed. See *Appendices A³ and B.⁴*

Claims 118-120 are

again rejected as being drawn to an improper Markush group, that is, the claims lack unity of invention. The basis of this rejection is the same as given in the previous office action and is incorporated herein fully by reference. See *Appendix E, Page 2*.

² A restriction requirement issued in the -062 case between its method claims (Claims 1-31) and its compound/composition claims (Claims 32-90). Method claims were elected in the -062 case. The -062 case was allowed on December 27, 2002, and its Issue Fee was paid on March 10, 2003. The -062 case has yet to issue as a patent.

³ Claims 118-120 as contained in Appendix A assume entry of Appellants' concurrently-filed Amendment After Final Rejection Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b). That is, the word "optionally" has been removed at one location in the description of W in each claim.

⁴ For the convenience of the Board, Appellants have attached, as Appendix B, redacted versions of Claims 118-120 which contain the content of pending Claims 118-120, except for the lengthy substituent definitions which were added to Claims 118-120 during prosecution. Redacted Claims 118-120 assume, as do Claims 118-120 in Appendix A, entry of Appellants' Amendment After Final Rejection Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

In the previous office action, the Examiner rejected Claims 91-98 and 113-117⁵

under a judicially created doctrine as being drawn to an improper Markush group, that is, the claims lack unity of invention. The variables R^1 and the ring formed by W, together with $-C(H)_pC(=X) \dots$ are defined in such a way that they keep changing the core of the compound that determines the classification. By changing these values, several patentably distinct and independent compounds are claimed. In order to have unity of invention the compounds must have "a community of chemical or physical characteristics" which justify their inclusion in a common group, and that such inclusion is not repugnant to principles of scientific classification" In re JONES (CCPA) 74 USPQ 149 (see footnote 2). The structural formula IA ... do[es] not have a significant structural feature that is shared by all of its alternatives which is inventive. The structural formula IA ... only ha[s] the $-NH-C(O)-CH(R^2)-NH-C(O)$ fragment in common. Compounds embraced by formula IA ... are so diverse in nature that a prior art anticipating a claim with respect to one member under 35 USC 102 would not render obvious the same claim under 35 USC 103. This is evidentiary of patentably distinct and independent inventions.

Limiting the claims to compounds wherein W, together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)$, ... form the elected ring system (the benzoazepin-2-one ring) would overcome this rejection. See *Appendix F, Pages 2-3*.

Amendments to Claims 118-120 have been requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b). The requested amendments specify that "W, together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)$ -forms ... a fused ... ring." Prior to the requested amendment, said rings were *optionally* fused. See *Claims 118-120, Pages 14, 32 and 49 of Appendix A*.

⁵ Appealed Claims 118-120 substantially correspond to then-pending Claims 91-93.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

As noted above, concurrent with the filing of the instant appeal brief, Appellants have filed an Amendment After Final Rejection Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) canceling Claims 99-112 and 121-130 and amending Claims 118-120. There have been no other amendments filed subsequent to the final rejection.

V. SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to methods for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release in mammalian⁶ and human subjects,⁷ thereby inhibiting the onset of diseases mediated by β -amyloid peptide, which methods comprise administering pharmaceutical compositions comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or mixture of compounds of Formula IA. This invention is also directed to a method for treating humans with Alzheimer's Disease ("AD") in order to inhibit further deterioration in the human's condition, which method comprises administering pharmaceutical compositions comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or mixture of compounds of Formula IA.⁸

Brains of individuals with AD exhibit characteristic lesions known as senile plaques, amyloid plaques, amyloid angiopathy (where amyloid deposits in blood vessels), and neurofibrillary tangles. *See Appendix C, Page 6, Lines 24-26 of the Specification.*⁹ Patients with AD often have many of these lesions in areas of the brain important for memory and cognitive function. *See Appendix C, Page 6, Lines*

⁶ See Claim 118.

⁷ See Claim 119.

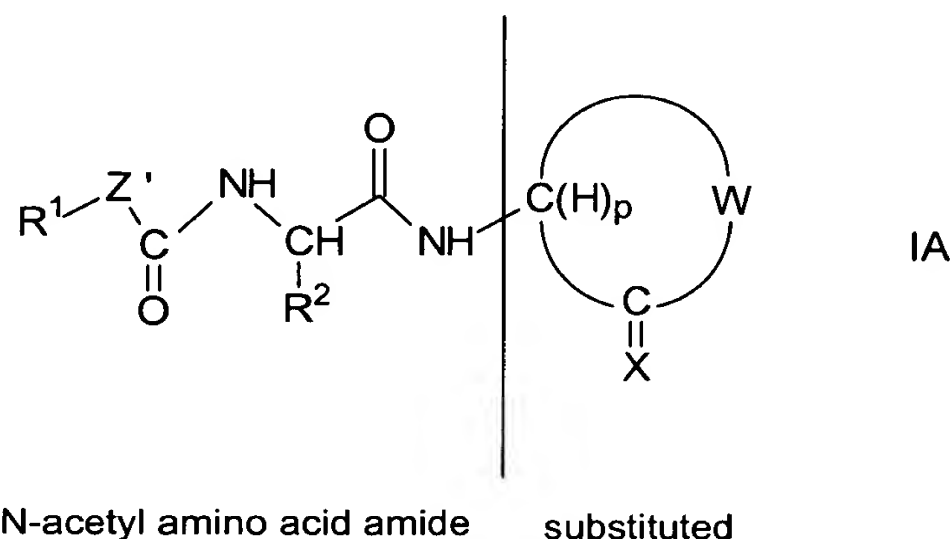
⁸ See Claim 120.

⁹ The Specification in this application totals 888 pages. For the convenience of the Board, Appellants have attached, as Appendix C, cited pages of the Specification. Appellants have also attached, as Appendix D, cited pages of the Preliminary Amendment.

26-29 of the Specification. Amyloid plaques are also characteristic of the brains of individuals with Down's Syndrome (Trisomy 21), and Hereditary Cerebral Hemorrhage with Amyloidosis of the Dutch Type ("HCHWA-D"). *See Appendix C, Page 6, Line 31-Page 7, Line 1 of the Specification.*

The primary chemical constituent in the lesions described above is a protein approximately 4.2 kiloDaltons in size, made up of about thirty-nine to forty-three amino acids. *See Appendix C, Page 7, Lines 6-10 of the Specification.* This protein is known as the β -amyloid peptide (" β AP"), A β , A β P, or β /A4. *See Appendix C, Page 7, Lines 9-10 of the Specification.* Research has revealed that the β -amyloid peptide is but a small fragment of a larger precursor protein, known as the amyloid precursor protein ("APP"). *See Appendix C, Page 7, Lines 15-17 of the Specification.* The β -amyloid peptide results from enzymatic cleavage of the amyloid precursor protein. *See Appendix C, Page 7, Lines 18-20 of the Specification.*

The compounds of the claimed invention may be considered N-acetyl substituted amino acid amides and share the following formula, Formula IA:



See Appendix D, Pages 1-2 of the Preliminary Amendment; see also Appendix C, Page 9, Lines 1-17 of the Specification.

Upwards of a thousand compounds according to the invention have been prepared. *See Pages 105-734 of the Specification.*¹⁰ Many of these compounds

¹⁰ These pages of the Specification are not attached as an Appendix, as such a lengthy attachment may inconvenience the Board.

were tested for their ability to inhibit β -amyloid peptide production in a cell line having a mutation known as "the Swedish mutation." *See Appendix C, Page 735, Lines 1-4 of the Specification; see also Appendix C, Page 7, Line 26-Page 8, Line 14 of the Specification.* It was determined that the tested compounds share the function of inhibiting β -amyloid peptide production by at least 30%, when compared to a control. *See Appendix C, Page 736, Lines 23-26 of the Specification.*

VI. ISSUE

The sole issue on appeal is whether the Markush group rejection of Claims 118-120 is correct.

VII. GROUPING OF CLAIMS

All of the appealed claims will be argued together, and all appealed claims stand or fall together.

VIII. ARGUMENT

As indicated above, the sole issue on appeal is whether the Markush group rejection for lack of unity of invention for the R¹ and substituted portions of the N-acetyl substituted amino acid amides of Formula IA in Claims 118-120 is correct. Appellants maintain that unity of invention exists, that the Markush groups are proper, and that the pending final rejection should be reversed.

A. Requirements of Proper Markush Groups

The term "Markush," as applied to a patent claim, denotes a claim wherein a substance, substituent, agent, reactant, or other material is recited as being from a group consisting of certain specified materials, e.g. "a material selected from the group consisting of A, B, C, and D." Manuel C. Rosa, *Outline of Practice Relative to "Markush" Claims*, 34 J.P.O.S. 324 (1952). Markush groups derive their name from *Ex parte Markush*, where Eugene A. Markush eventually claimed his dyes using the language "material selected from the group consisting of aniline, homologues of

aniline and halogen substitutes of aniline." *See Ex parte Markush*, 1925 C.D. 126,127 (Comm'r Pat. 1924).

The propriety of a Markush group is decided on a case-by-case basis. *See In re Harnisch*, 631 F.2d 716, 722 (C.C.P.A. 1980). In deciding the propriety of Markush groups for chemical compounds, one does not look to the Markush group members, but to the compounds as a whole. *See id.* at 722; *see also In re Jones*, 162 F.2d 479, 481 (C.C.P.A. 1947) (stating "[i]n determining the propriety of a Markush grouping, moreover, the compounds which are grouped must each be considered as a whole and should not be broken down into elements or other components"). A proper Markush group for chemical compounds satisfies two criteria: (1) the compounds share a common function, and (2) the compounds are structurally similar, thereby establishing "the claimed compounds to be part of a single invention so that there is unity of invention" *Harnish*, 631 F.2d at 722. It is reversible error to reject a Markush group satisfying these two criteria. *Harnish*, 631 F.2d at 722-723.

B. Appellants' Markush Groups Are Proper

1. Appellants' Compounds Share A Common Function

Appellants' methods, as described in Claims 118-120, inhibit the onset of diseases mediated by β -amyloid peptide¹¹ and prevent further deterioration in an AD patient's condition¹² by employing compounds that share the common function of inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release. *See Appendix C, Page 8, Lines 25-29 of the Specification; see also Appendix C, Page 736, Lines 23-26 of the Specification; see also Appendix A.* Appellants have used a Markush group to define R¹ and the substituted portion of their compounds because regardless of which alternative is chosen for R¹ and the substituted portion of a given compound, the compound as a whole will inhibit the synthesis and/or release of the β -amyloid peptide. Appellants' use of a Markush group is proper in this situation because "[i]t is

¹¹ See Claims 118 and 119.

¹² See Claim 120.

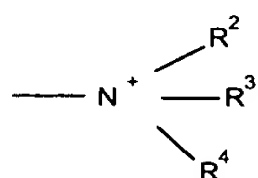
generally understood that in ... describing a class of compounds [using a Markush group] an applicant is, in effect, asserting that the members of the Markush group do not fall within any recognized generic class, but are alternatively usable for the purposes of the invention, and therefore, regardless of which of the alternatives is substituted on the basic structure, the compound as a whole will exhibit the disclosed utility." *In re Driscoll*, 562 F.2d 1245, 1249 (C.C.P.A. 1977). Here, the R¹ and substituted portions of Appellants' compounds do not fall within any recognized generic class, but may alternatively be used in conjunction with the amino acid amide portion of Appellants' compounds to inhibit the synthesis and/or release of the β -amyloid peptide.¹³

In both *In re Jones* and *In re Harnisch*, the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals took into account that the claimed compounds shared a common function. Specifically, the Court in *Jones* noted that all of appellant's claimed compounds "are said to be effective agents for stimulating plant growth." *Jones*, 162 F.2d at 480. The Court in *Harnisch* noted similarities to the *Jones* case and concluded that the Board had committed factual error "in not recognizing that all of appellant's claimed compounds are dyes." *Harnisch*, 631 F.2d at 722.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, in *Ex parte Hozumi*, reversed an examiner's improper Markush rejection in part because the claimed compounds shared the utility of having antimycotic activity. See *Ex parte Hozumi*, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1059, 1060 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1984).¹⁴ In *Ex parte Brouard*, the Board reversed a

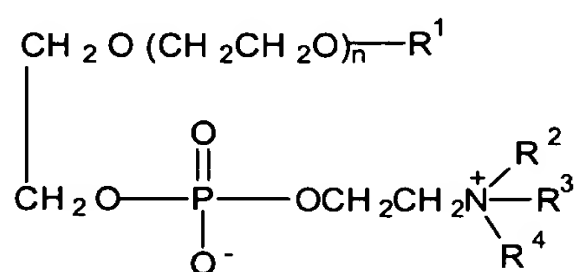
¹³ Appellants note that there was no Markush rejection for the R¹ portion of Appellants' compounds in the companion -586 case.

¹⁴ The Markush group under appeal in that case recited a quaternary amine of the formula:



rejection to an allegedly improper Markush group¹⁵ based in part on the fact that all of the claimed compounds were able to dye polyester. *Ex parte Brouard*, 201 U.S.P.Q. 538, 540 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1976). In *Ex parte Taylor*, the Board reversed a rejection for an allegedly improper Markush group and reasoned, "[t]he specification unequivocally states that these compounds with the designated Y substituents are characterized by the ability to form a chelate with certain metal ions and additionally to form photospirans when reacted with a methylene base." *Ex parte Taylor*, 167 U.S.P.Q. 637, 638 (Bd. Pat. App. 1969).

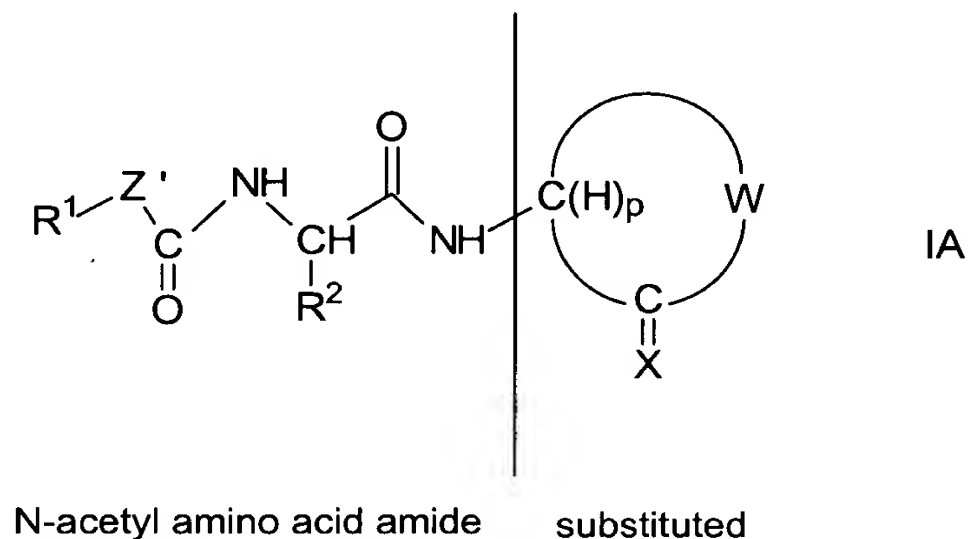
which "represents cyclic ammonio selected from the group consisting of pyridinio, oxazolio, thiazolio, pyridazinio, quinolinio, isoquinolinio, N-C₁₋₄ alkylmorpholinio and N-C₁₋₄ alkylpiperazinio" and which was included in the formula:



¹⁵ The improper Markush rejection in that case was made under 35 U.S.C. § 121, "Claim 24 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 121 on the ground that radical 'B' misjoins independent and distinct inventions and, hence, is drawn to an improper markush group." *Brouard*, 201 U.S.P.Q. at 540.

2. Appellants' Compounds Are Structurally Similar

As indicated above, the compounds used in Appellants' methods may be referred to as N-acetyl substituted amino acid amides, wherein "N-acetyl" refers to the $R^1-Z'-C(O)-$ group; "amino acid amide" refers to the $-NH-(CH-R^2)C(O)-NH-$ group; and "substituted" refers to the cyclic structure in formula IA:



In his rejections, the Examiner wrote that Appellants' compounds "only have the $-NH-C(O)-CH(R^2)-NH-C(O)$ fragment [in] common." See *Appendix F at Page 3*. Thus, using Appellants' nomenclature, the Examiner has conceded that the amino acid amide component as well as the $-C(O)-$ portion of the N-acetyl component are common among the compounds. Yet, looking at Appellants' compounds as a whole, each compound has an N-acetyl component, an amino acid amide component, and is substituted. Accordingly, the compounds employed in the rejected claims are structurally similar, satisfying the second requirement for a proper Markush group under *Harnisch*.

Other cases addressing structural similarity reach the same conclusion. In *Jones*, the Court of Customs and Patent Appeals reversed the improper Markush group rejection and held that "all the claimed compounds belong to the genus of tetralyl compounds having a substituted methyl group at position 6." See *Jones*, 162 F.2d at 481. In *Harnisch*, the Court reversed the improper Markush group rejection

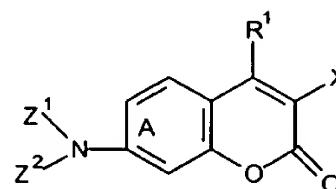
in part because all of the claimed compounds were "all coumarin compounds which the board admitted to be 'a single structural similarity.'"¹⁶ *Harnisch*, 631 F.2d at 722.

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, in *Ex parte Della Bella*, found that the claimed compounds were "all, basically, ... 3-bromo-isoxazol-5-yl derivatives differing amongst each other only in the nature of the 5-substituent. Quite evidently, thus, they all belong to a recognized genus of structurally related materials having a community of physical and chemical properties."¹⁷ *Ex parte Bella Della*, 7 U.S.P.Q.2d 1669 (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. 1988). In *Brouard*, the Board noted that all of the claimed compounds contained a cinnamionitrile radical. *Brouard*, 201 U.S.P.Q. at 540..

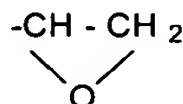
3. Appellants' Compounds Satisfy the Controlling Two-Part Test

Based on controlling precedent, a proper Markush group for chemical compounds satisfies two criteria: (1) the compounds share a common function, and (2) the compounds are structurally similar, thereby establishing the compounds to be part of a single invention so that there is unity of invention. *Harnish*, 631 F.2d at 722. Because the compounds employed in Appellants' methods share the common function of inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release, the first requirement for a proper chemical Markush group is satisfied. Appellants'

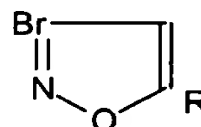
¹⁶ The Markush group under appeal was included in the formula:



¹⁷ The Markush group under appeal, "wherein R is selected from the group consisting of -C(=O)CH₂X, -CH(OH)-CH₂Br,



and X is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and bromine" was included in the formula:



compounds are structurally similar because they share the N-acetyl amino acid amide structure and are substituted. Therefore, Appellants' compounds meet the second requirement for a proper chemical Markush group.

Having satisfied the controlling two-part standard for proper chemical Markush groups, Appellants' compounds are part of a single invention and meet the requirements for unity of invention. The Markush group in the R¹ portion of Formula IA and the Markush group in the substituted portion of Formula IA in Claims 118-120 are proper.

4. Appellants' Compounds Also Satisfy the M.P.E.P. Standard

The two-part common function and structural similarity test of *In re Harnisch* is the controlling standard for determining the propriety of a chemical Markush group possessing unity of invention. See *Harnisch*, 631 F.2d at 722. However, the standard recited in Section 803.02 of the M.P.E.P. reads, "it is improper for the [Patent] Office to refuse to examine that which applicants regard as their invention, unless the subject matter in a claim lacks unity of invention. ... Broadly, unity of invention exists where compounds included within a Markush group (1) share a common utility, and (2) share a substantial structural feature disclosed as being essential to that utility." The M.P.E.P. standard, which cites *Hozumi*, differs from that of *Harnisch* by requiring that the structural similarity be substantial and essential to the disclosed utility. While Appellants recognize that the M.P.E.P. does not have the force of law and that the *Harnish* standard controls, Appellants submit that the compounds of Appellants' methods also satisfy the M.P.E.P. standard.

As explained above, the compounds of Appellants' methods share a common utility. That is, the ability to inhibit the synthesis and/or release of the β -amyloid peptide. All of the compounds of Appellants' methods are N-acetyl substituted amino acid amides. This common structure must be essential to the compounds' utility because regardless of which substitution is made at the R¹ portion or the substituted portion of Appellants' compounds, the compounds retain the ability to inhibit the synthesis and/or release of the β -amyloid peptide. See Appendix C, Page

736, Lines 23-26 of the Specification.¹⁸ Accordingly, Appellants' compounds satisfy both the *Harnisch* requirements and the standard set forth in the M.P.E.P.

C. Alleged Justifications for the Pending Rejections Are Contrary to Law

The language of the final rejection and the rejection preceding it indicates that the Examiner has rejected Claims 118-120 for reasons contrary to law.

1. Rejecting Appellants' Markush Groups Based Solely on an Analysis of the "Core" of Appellants' Compounds Is Error

Claims 118-120 were finally rejected "under a judicially created doctrine as being drawn to an improper Markush group, that is, the claims lack unity of invention ... [t]he ring formed by W, together with -C(H)_pC(=X) ... are defined in such a way that they keep changing **the core of the compound** that determines the classification." (bold added) See Appendix F, Page 2; see also Appendix E, Pages 2-3.

It is improper to consider the "core" of a compound when determining whether a chemical Markush group is proper. See *Harnisch*, 631 F.2d at 722 (summarizing what was held in *Jones* and stating "in determining the propriety of a Markush grouping the compounds must be considered as wholes and not broken down into elements or other components"). Accordingly, this basis for the rejection of Claims 118-120 is contrary to law.

2. Rejecting Appellants' Markush Groups Based on the Compounds' Classification Is Error

Claims 118-120 were also finally rejected in part because "[t]he ring formed by W, together with -C(H)_pC(=X) ... are defined in such a way that they keep changing the core of the compound **that determines the classification.**" (bold added) See Appendix F, Page 2; see also Appendix E, Pages 2-3. Neither the

¹⁸ Explaining that hundreds of tested compounds, differing in the nature of their substitution, share the function of inhibiting β -amyloid peptide production by at least 30%, when compared to a control.

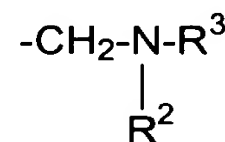
classification of Markush Group members nor the effort required to search such classes is relevant to the propriety of a Markush Group. In *Ex parte Brouard*, the Board stated that

[t]he fact that the various groups of compounds corresponding to [the rejected claim] are classified in different subclasses does not mean that it would be repugnant to accepted principles of scientific classification to associate them together as a genus; on the contrary the fact that all of the claimed compounds share a common ... group and have the capability to dye polyester fibers suggests that it would not be repugnant to scientific classification to associate them together as a genus.

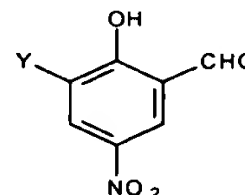
[T]he fact that different fields of search are involved does not establish that the Markush group is improper.

Brouard, 201 U.S.P.Q. at 540; see also *Taylor*, 167 U.S.P.Q. at 637 (stating that the extent of an examiner's search does not provide support for an improper Markush rejection).¹⁹ Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection based on the classification of the core of Appellants' compounds is improper.

¹⁹ The Markush group under appeal in *Taylor* stated, "wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of -CH=O, -N=N-R, -CH₂-O-R¹, and



wherein R is aryl, R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, and aryl, and each of R² and R³ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl and aryl and R² and R³ taken together may be a divalent aliphatic radical" and was included in the formula:



Taylor, 167 U.S.P.Q. at 637.

3. Rejecting Appellants' Markush Groups
Because Formula IA Does Not Possess
An Inventive Significant Structural Feature Is Error

Claims 118-120 were also finally rejected in part because "the structural formula IA ... [does] not have a **significant structural feature** that is shared by all of its alternatives **which is inventive**." (bold added) *See Appendix F, Page 3*. While Appellants appreciate that their compounds must share structural similarity, case law does not require that "a significant structural feature that is shared by all [structures be ...] inventive."

The Examiner has cited no authority for this position, which is refuted by the *Harnisch* case. There, structural similarity was based upon the claimed compounds being coumarin compounds. *See Harnisch*, 631 F.2d at 722. Coumarin had been known as early as 1945, and thus could not have been inventive in 1980. *See, e.g., MERCK INDEX* 448 (13th ed. 2001). The Examiner's rejection is contrary to law and should be reversed.

4. Appellants' Compounds Define The Same Invention

The Examiner rejected Claims 118-120 in part because "[c]ompounds embraced by formula IA ... are so diverse in nature that a prior art anticipating a claim with respect to one member under 35 USC 102 would not render obvious the same claim under 35 USC 103. This is eviden[ce] of patentably distinct and independent inventions." *See Appendix F, Page 3*.

The Examiner's argument ignores the M.P.E.P. which states that "[a] Markush-type claim can include independent and distinct inventions. This is true where two or more of the members are so unrelated and diverse that a prior art reference anticipating the claim with respect to one of the members would not render the claim obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103 with respect to other member(s)." *M.P.E.P. § 803.02*. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection should be reversed.

IX. REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

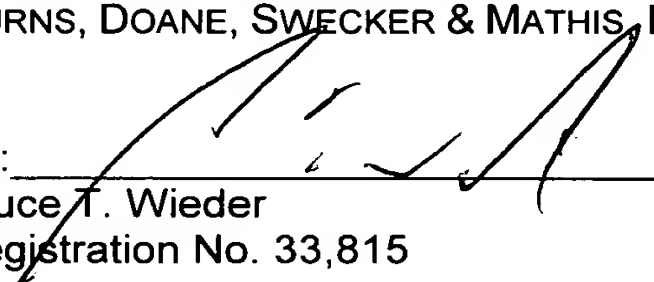
Appellants request an oral hearing. Concurrent with the filing of this Brief, Appellants are filing, in duplicate, a Request for Oral Hearing in this case. Appellants request that this hearing be held in conjunction with the hearing requested for the appeal in application serial no. 09/916,440.

X. CONCLUSION

Appellants' Markush groups are proper. Appellants' methods employ compounds which are N-acetyl substituted amino acid amides. These compounds are useful for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release. Considering Appellants' compounds as a whole and the facts of this case, it is apparent that the compounds employed in Appellants' methods possess a common function and are structurally similar, thus possessing unity of invention. The Examiner's alleged justifications for rejecting Claims 118-120 are improper and contrary to law. Appellants maintain that the Markush group for the R¹ and the substituted portions of Formula IA in Claims 118-120 is proper.

Appellants respectfully request reversal of the outstanding improper Markush rejections.

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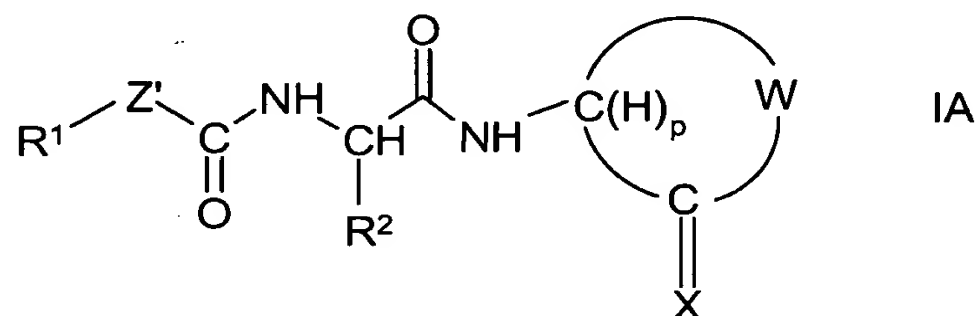
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118. A method for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release in a mammalian subject thereby inhibiting onset of diseases mediated by β -amyloid peptide which method comprises administering to said mammalian subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula IA:



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of:

- A) alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;
- B) alkenyl of from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1-2 sites of alkenyl unsaturation;
- C) alkynyl of from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and from 1-2 sites of alkynyl unsaturation;
- D) cycloalkyl of from 3 to 12 carbon atoms;
- E) cycloalkenyl of from 4 to 8 carbon atoms;
- F) substituted alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, having from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
 - 1) alkoxy of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy of the formula substituted alkyl-O- where substituted alkyl is as defined in F herein;
 - 3) cycloalkyl which is as defined in D herein;
 - 4) substituted cycloalkyl is defined in I herein;
 - 5) cycloalkenyl which is defined in E herein;
 - 6) substituted cycloalkenyl which is defined in J herein;
 - 7) acyl selected from alkyl-C(O)-, substituted alkyl-C(O)-, cycloalkyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkyl-C(O)-, aryl-C(O)-, heteroaryl-C(O)- and heterocyclic-C(O)- wherein alkyl is defined

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in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
wherein cycloalkyl is defined in D herein; wherein substituted
cycloalkyl is defined in I herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21
herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein
heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

- 8) acylamino having the formula $-C(O)NRR$ where each R is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 9) acyloxy selected from alkyl-C(O)O-, substituted alkyl-C(O)O-, cycloalkyl-C(O)O-, aryl-C(O)O-, heteroaryl-C(O)O-, and heterocyclic-C(O)O- wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein cycloalkyl is defined in D herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 10) amino;
- 11) aminoacyl having the formula $-NRC(O)R$ wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic; wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 12) aminoacyloxy having the formula $-NRC(O)OR$ wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic; wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;

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wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein
heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

- 13) cyano;
- 14) halogen;
- 15) hydroxyl;
- 16) carboxyl;
- 17) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 18) thiol;
- 19) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 20) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 21) aryl having from 6 to 14 ring carbon atoms, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) hydroxy;
 - b) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - c) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - d) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - e) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - f) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - g) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - h) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - i) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - j) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - k) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - l) amino;
 - m) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - n) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;

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- o) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- p) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- q) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- r) azido;
- s) carboxyl;
- t) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- u) cyano;
- v) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- w) nitro;
- x) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- y) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- z) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
- aa) oxyacylamino having the formula -OC(O)NRR where each R is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- bb) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- cc) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- dd) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- ee) thioheteroaryloxy having the formula -S-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined F22 herein;

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- ff) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- gg) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- hh) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- ii) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- jj) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- kk) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- ll) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- mm) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- nn) trihalomethyl wherein halo is defined in I20 herein;
- oo) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- pp) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- qq) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- rr) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- ss) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- tt) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

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- 22) heteroaryl of from 1 to 15 ring carbon atoms and 1 to 4 ring heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
- a) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - b) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - c) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - d) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - e) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - f) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - g) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - h) nitro;
 - i) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - j) thiol;
 - k) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - l) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - m) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; and
 - n) trihalomethyl wherein halo is defined in I20 herein;
- 23) heterocyclic of from 1 to 15 ring carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 ring atoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
- a) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - b) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - c) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - d) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - e) aryl as defined in F21 herein;

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- f) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - g) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - h) nitro;
 - i) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - j) thiol;
 - k) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - l) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - m) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; and
 - n) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- 24) aryloxy of the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 25) heteroaryloxy of the formula -O-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 26) hydroxyamino;
 - 27) alkoxyamino wherein alkoxy is defined in F1 herein;
 - 28) nitro;
 - 29) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 30) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 31) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 32) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 33) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 34) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 35) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;

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- 36) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 37) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 38) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 39) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 40) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 41) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
 - 42) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- G) substituted alkenyl having from 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 3) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 4) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
 - 5) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 6) amino;
 - 7) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 8) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
 - 9) cyano;
 - 10) halogen selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 11) hydroxyl;
 - 12) carboxyl;
 - 13) carboxylalkyl as defined in F17 herein;

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- 14) thiol;
- 15) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
- 16) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
- 17) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- 18) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- 19) heterocyclic as defined in F2 herein;
- 20) nitro;
- 21) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 22) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 23) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 24) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 25) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 26) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 27) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 28) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 29) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 30) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 31) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 32) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 33) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein; and
- 34) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in

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F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and
wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

- H) substituted alkynyl of from 1 to 3 substituents selected from:
- 1) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 3) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 4) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
 - 5) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 6) amino;
 - 7) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 8) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
 - 9) cyano;
 - 10) halogen selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 11) hydroxyl;
 - 12) carboxyl;
 - 13) carboxylalkyl as defined in F17 herein;
 - 14) thiol;
 - 15) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 16) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
 - 17) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 18) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 19) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
 - 20) nitro;
 - 21) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 22) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F
herein;
 - 23) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 24) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 25) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;

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- 26) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 27) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 28) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 29) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 30) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 31) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 32) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 33) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein; and
 - 34) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- I) substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 12 carbon atoms and from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) hydroxy;
 - 2) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 3) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 4) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - 5) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - 6) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 7) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 8) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - 9) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - 10) alkynyl as defined in C herein;

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- 11) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - 12) amino;
 - 13) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 14) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 15) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 16) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 17) carboxyl;
 - 18) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 19) cyano;
 - 20) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 21) nitro;
 - 22) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 23) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 24) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein; and
 - 25) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- J) substituted cycloalkenyl having from 4 to 8 carbon atoms and from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) hydroxy;
 - 2) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 3) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 4) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - 5) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - 6) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 7) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 8) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - 9) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;

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- 10) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - 11) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - 12) amino;
 - 13) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 14) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 15) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 16) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 17) carboxyl;
 - 18) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 19) cyano;
 - 20) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 21) nitro;
 - 22) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 23) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 24) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein; and
 - 25) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- K) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- L) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein; and
- M) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;

Z' is represented by the formula -CX'X"-, -T-CH₂- or -T-C(O)- where T is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, -NR⁵ where R⁵ is:

- N) hydrogen;
- O) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
- P) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- Q) aryl as defined in F21 herein; or

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R) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;

X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group;

R² is selected from the group consisting of:

- S) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- T) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
- U) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- V) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- W) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
- X) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- Y) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- Z) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- AA) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- BB) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- BB¹) 2-aminopyrid-6-yl;
- BB²) 2-methylcyclopentyl;
- BB³) cyclohex-2-enyl; and
- BB⁴) $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$

W, together with $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$, forms a:

- CC) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- DD) cycloalkenyl as defined in E herein;
- EE) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- FF) substituted cycloalkyl as defined in I herein; or
- GG) substituted cycloalkenyl group as defined in J herein;

wherein each of said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkenyl group is fused to form a bi- or multi-fused ring system with one or more ring structures selected from the group consisting of:

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- HH) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- II) cycloalkenyl as defined in E herein;
- JJ) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- KK) aryl as defined in F21 herein; and
- LL) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;

which, in turn, each of such ring structures is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- MM) hydroxyl;
- NN) halo as defined in F21 herein;
- OO) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
- PP) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
- QQ) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
- RR) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
- SS) nitro;
- TT) cyano;
- UU) carboxyl;
- VV) carboxyl esters;
- WW) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- XX) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- YY) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
- ZZ) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
- AAA) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- BBB) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- CCC) amino;
- DDD) N-alkyl amino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- EEE) N,N-dialkyl amino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- FFF) N-substituted alkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- GGG) N-alkyl N-substituted alkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- HHH) N,N-disubstituted alkyl amino;

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III) -NHC(O)R⁴ where each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- 1) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- 2) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- 3) aryl as defined in F21 herein;

JJJ) -NHSO₂R⁴ wherein R⁴ is defined in III herein;

KKK) -C(O)NH₂;

LLL) -C(O)NHR⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;

MMM) -C(O)NR⁴R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;

NNN) -S(O)R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;

OOO) -S(O)₂R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;

PPP) -S(O)₂NHR⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein; and

QQQ) -S(O)₂NR⁴R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;

X is selected from the group consisting of oxo (=O), thiooxo (=S), hydroxyl (-H, -OH), thiol (H, -SH) and hydro (H, H);

p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when *p* is zero, the ring defined by W and -C(H)_{*p*}C(=X)- is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH and when *p* is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

with the following provisos:

RRR. when R¹ is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R² is -CH₃, Z' is -CH₂-, and *p* is 1, then W, together with >CH and >C=X, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;

SSS. when R¹ is phenyl, R² is -CH₃, Z' is -CH₂-, *p* is 1, then W, together with >CH and >C=X, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;

TTT. when R¹ is cyclopropyl, R² is -CH₃, Z' is -CH₂-, and *p* is 1, then W, together with >CH and >C=X, does not form an N-methylcaprolactam group;

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UUU. when R^1 is 4-chlorobenzoyl- CH_2 -, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

VVV. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;

WWW. when R^1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$ -, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butyl $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$ -)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

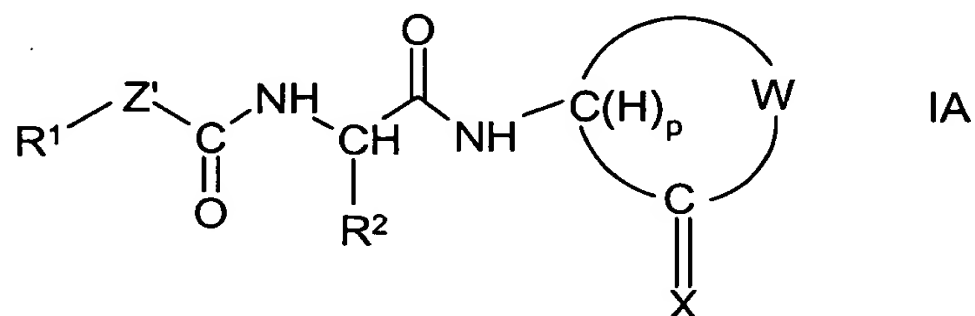
XXX. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2$ -, 4- HOCH_2 -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or CH_3S -, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2 -)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

YYY. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2 -)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one; and

ZZZ. when the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})$ - forms a cycloalkyl, then it does not form a cycloalkyl of from 3 to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with 1 to 3 alkyl groups.

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119. A method for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release in a human subject thereby inhibiting onset of diseases mediated by β -amyloid peptide which method comprises administering to said human subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula IA:



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of:

- A) alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;
- B) alkenyl of from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1-2 sites of alkenyl unsaturation;
- C) alkynyl of from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and from 1-2 sites of alkynyl unsaturation;
- D) cycloalkyl of from 3 to 12 carbon atoms;
- E) cycloalkenyl of from 4 to 8 carbon atoms;
- F) substituted alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, having from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
 - 1) alkoxy of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy of the formula substituted alkyl-O- where substituted alkyl is as defined in F herein;
 - 3) cycloalkyl which is as defined in D herein;
 - 4) substituted cycloalkyl is defined in I herein;
 - 5) cycloalkenyl which is defined in E herein;
 - 6) substituted cycloalkenyl which is defined in J herein;
 - 7) acyl selected from alkyl-C(O)-, substituted alkyl-C(O)-,

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cycloalkyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkyl-C(O)-, aryl-C(O)-, heteroaryl-C(O)- and heterocyclic-C(O)- wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein cycloalkyl is defined in D herein; wherein substituted cycloalkyl is defined in I herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

- 8) acylamino having the formula -C(O)NRR where each R is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 9) acyloxy selected from alkyl-C(O)O-, substituted alkyl-C(O)O-, cycloalkyl-C(O)O-, aryl-C(O)O-, heteroaryl-C(O)O-, and heterocyclic-C(O)O- wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein cycloalkyl is defined in D herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 10) amino;
- 11) aminoacyl having the formula -NRC(O)R wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic; wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 12) aminoacyloxy having the formula -NRC(O)OR wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen,

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alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic;
wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is
defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein
heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

- 13) cyano;
- 14) halogen;
- 15) hydroxyl;
- 16) carboxyl;
- 17) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is
defined in A herein;
- 18) thiol;
- 19) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined
in A herein;
- 20) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl,
wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 21) aryl having from 6 to 14 ring carbon atoms, optionally
substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group
consisting of:
 - a) hydroxy;
 - b) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - c) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - d) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - e) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - f) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - g) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - h) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - i) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - j) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - k) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;

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- l) amino;
- m) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
- n) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
- o) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- p) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- q) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- r) azido;
- s) carboxyl;
- t) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- u) cyano;
- v) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- w) nitro;
- x) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- y) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- z) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
- aa) oxyacylamino having the formula -OC(O)NRR where each R is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- bb) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- cc) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;

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- dd) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- ee) thioheteroaryloxy having the formula -S-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined F22 herein;
- ff) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- gg) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- hh) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- ii) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- jj) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- kk) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- ll) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- mm) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- nn) trihalomethyl wherein halo is defined in I20 herein;
- oo) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- pp) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- qq) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- rr) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- ss) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- tt) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A

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herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
wherein aryl is defined in F22 herein; wherein heteroaryl
is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is
defined in F23 herein;

- 22) heteroaryl of from 1 to 15 ring carbon atoms and 1 to 4 ring heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
- a) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - b) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - c) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - d) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - e) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - f) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - g) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - h) nitro;
 - i) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - j) thiol;
 - k) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - l) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - m) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; and
 - n) trihalomethyl wherein halo is defined in I20 herein;
- 23) heterocyclic of from 1 to 15 ring carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 ring atoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
- a) alkyl as defined in A herein;

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- b) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - c) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - d) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - e) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - f) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - g) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - h) nitro;
 - i) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - j) thiol;
 - k) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - l) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - m) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; and
 - n) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- 24) aryloxy of the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 25) heteroaryloxy of the formula -O-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 26) hydroxyamino;
 - 27) alkoxyamino wherein alkoxy is defined in F1 herein;
 - 28) nitro;
 - 29) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 30) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 31) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 32) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;

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- 33) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 34) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 35) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 36) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 37) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 38) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 39) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 40) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 42) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 43) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- G) substituted alkenyl having from 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - 1) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 3) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 4) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
 - 5) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 6) amino;
 - 7) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 8) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
 - 9) cyano;

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- 10) halogen selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- 11) hydroxyl;
- 12) carboxyl;
- 13) carboxylalkyl as defined in F17 herein;
- 14) thiol;
- 15) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
- 16) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
- 17) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- 18) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- 19) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- 20) nitro;
- 21) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 22) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 23) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 24) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 25) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 26) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 27) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 28) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 29) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 30) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 31) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 32) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 33) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein; and

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- 34) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- H) substituted alkynyl of from 1 to 3 substituents selected from:
- 1) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 3) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 4) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
 - 5) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 6) amino;
 - 7) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 8) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
 - 9) cyano;
 - 10) halogen selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 11) hydroxyl;
 - 12) carboxyl;
 - 13) carboxylalkyl as defined in F17 herein;
 - 14) thiol;
 - 15) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 16) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
 - 17) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 18) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 19) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
 - 20) nitro;
 - 21) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 22) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;

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- 23) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 24) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 25) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 26) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 27) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 28) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 29) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 30) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 31) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 32) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 33) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein; and
 - 34) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F21 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- I) substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 12 carbon atoms and from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) hydroxy;
 - 2) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 3) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 4) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - 5) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - 6) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 7) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;

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- 8) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - 9) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - 10) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - 11) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - 12) amino;
 - 13) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 14) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 15) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 16) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 17) carboxyl;
 - 18) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 19) cyano;
 - 20) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 21) nitro;
 - 22) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 23) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 24) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein; and
 - 25) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- J) substituted cycloalkenyl having from 4 to 8 carbon atoms and from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) hydroxy;
 - 2) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 3) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 4) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - 5) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - 6) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;

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- 7) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 8) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - 9) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - 10) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - 11) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - 12) amino;
 - 13) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 14) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 15) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 16) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 17) carboxyl;
 - 18) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 19) cyano;
 - 20) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 21) nitro;
 - 22) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 23) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 24) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein; and
 - 25) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- K) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- L) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein; and
- M) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;

Z' is represented by the formula -CX'X"-, -T-CH₂- or -T-C(O)- where T is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, -NR⁵ where R⁵ is:

- N) hydrogen;

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- O) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
- P) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- Q) aryl as defined in F21 herein; or
- R) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;

X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group;

R² is selected from the group consisting of:

- S) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- T) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
- U) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- V) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- W) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
- X) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- Y) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- Z) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- AA) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- BB) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- BB¹) 2-aminopyrid-6-yl;
- BB²) 2-methylcyclopentyl;
- BB³) cyclohex-2-enyl; and
- BB⁴) $-(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{OC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$

W, together with $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$, forms a:

- CC) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- DD) cycloalkenyl as defined in E herein;
- EE) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- FF) substituted cycloalkyl as defined in I herein; or
- GG) substituted cycloalkenyl group as defined in J herein;

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wherein each of said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkenyl group is fused to form a bi- or multi-fused ring system with one or more ring structures selected from the group consisting of:

- HH) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- II) cycloalkenyl as defined in E herein;
- JJ) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- KK) aryl as defined in F21 herein; and
- LL) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;

which, in turn, each of such ring structures is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- MM) hydroxyl;
- NN) halo as defined in F21 herein;
- OO) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
- PP) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
- QQ) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
- RR) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
- SS) nitro;
- TT) cyano;
- UU) carboxyl;
- VV) carboxyl esters;
- WW) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- XX) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- YY) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
- ZZ) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
- AAA) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- BBB) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- CCC) amino;
- DDD) N-alkyl amino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- EEE) N,N-dialkyl amino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- FFF) N-substituted alkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;

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GGG) N-alkyl N-substituted alkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;

HHH) N,N-disubstituted alkyl amino;

III) $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$ where each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- 1) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- 2) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- 3) aryl as defined in F21 herein;

JJJ) $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^4$ wherein R^4 is defined in III herein;

KKK) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$;

LLL) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^4$ where R^4 is defined in III herein;

MMM) $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^4\text{R}^4$ where R^4 is defined in III herein;

NNN) $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$ where R^4 is defined in III herein;

OOO) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^4$ where R^4 is defined in III herein;

PPP) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}^4$ where R^4 is defined in III herein; and

QQQ) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^4\text{R}^4$ where R^4 is defined in III herein;

X is selected from the group consisting of oxo ($=\text{O}$), thiooxo ($=\text{S}$), hydroxyl ($-\text{H}$, $-\text{OH}$), thiol (H , $-\text{SH}$) and hydro (H , H);

p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when p is zero, the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH and when p is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH; or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

with the following provisos:

RRR. when R^1 is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;

SSS. when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;

TTT. when R^1 is cyclopropyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an N-methylcaprolactam group;

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UUU. when R^1 is 4-chlorobenzoyl- CH_2 -, R^2 is $-CH_3$, Z' is $-CH_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>CH$ and $>C=X$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

VVV. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-CH_3$, Z' is $-CH_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>CH$ and $>C=X$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;

WWW. when R^1 is $CH_3OC(O)CH_2$ -, R^2 is $-CH_3$, Z' is $-CH_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>CH$ and $>C=X$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butylC(O) CH_2 -)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

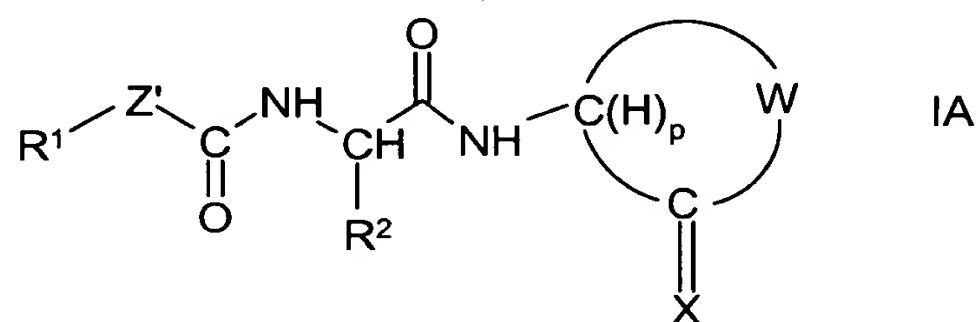
XXX. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $CH_3OC(O)CH_2$ -, 4- $HOCH_2$ -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or CH_3S -, R^2 is $-CH_3$, Z' is $-CH_2$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>CH$ and $>C=X$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2 -)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

YYY. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-CH_3$, Z' is $-CH(OH)$ -, and p is 1, then W, together with $>CH$ and $>C=X$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2 -)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

ZZZ. when the ring defined by W and $-C(H)_pC(=X)$ - forms a cycloalkyl, then it does not form a cycloalkyl of from 3 to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with 1 to 3 alkyl groups.

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120. A method for treating a human subject with AD in order to inhibit further deterioration in the condition of said human subject which method comprises administering to said subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula IA:



wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- A) alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;
- B) alkenyl of from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and 1-2 sites of alkenyl unsaturation;
- C) alkynyl of from 2 to 10 carbon atoms and from 1-2 sites of alkynyl unsaturation;
- D) cycloalkyl of from 3 to 12 carbon atoms;
- E) cycloalkenyl of from 4 to 8 carbon atoms;
- F) substituted alkyl of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, having from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
 - 1) alkoxy of from 1 to 10 carbon atoms;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy of the formula substituted alkyl-O- where substituted alkyl is as defined in F herein;
 - 3) cycloalkyl which is as defined in D herein;
 - 4) substituted cycloalkyl is defined in I herein;
 - 5) cycloalkenyl which is defined in E herein;
 - 6) substituted cycloalkenyl which is defined in J herein;

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- 7) acyl selected from alkyl-C(O)-, substituted alkyl-C(O)-, cycloalkyl-C(O)-, substituted cycloalkyl-C(O)-, aryl-C(O)-, heteroaryl-C(O)- and heterocyclic-C(O)- wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein cycloalkyl is defined in D herein; wherein substituted cycloalkyl is defined in I herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 8) acylamino having the formula -C(O)NRR where each R is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 9) acyloxy selected from alkyl-C(O)O-, substituted alkyl-C(O)O-, cycloalkyl-C(O)O-, aryl-C(O)O-, heteroaryl-C(O)O-, and heterocyclic-C(O)O- wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein cycloalkyl is defined in D herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 10) amino;
- 11) aminoacyl having the formula -NRC(O)R wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic; wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

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- 12) aminoacyloxy having the formula -NRC(O)OR wherein each R is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocyclic; wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 13) cyano;
- 14) halogen;
- 15) hydroxyl;
- 16) carboxyl;
- 17) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 18) thiol;
- 19) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl , wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 20) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula $\text{-S-substituted alkyl}$, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 21) aryl having from 6 to 14 ring carbon atoms, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) hydroxy;
 - b) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - c) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - d) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - e) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - f) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - g) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - h) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - i) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;

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- j) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- k) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- l) amino;
- m) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
- n) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
- o) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- p) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- q) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- r) azido;
- s) carboxyl;
- t) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- u) cyano;
- v) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- w) nitro;
- x) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- y) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- z) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
- aa) oxyacylamino having the formula -OC(O)NRR where each R is independently hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- bb) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;

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- cc) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- dd) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- ee) thioheteroaryloxy having the formula -S-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined F22 herein;
- ff) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- gg) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- hh) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- ii) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- jj) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- kk) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- ll) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- mm) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- nn) trihalomethyl wherein halo is defined in I20 herein;
- oo) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- pp) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- qq) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- rr) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- ss) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;

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- tt) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- 22) heteroaryl of from 1 to 15 ring carbon atoms and 1 to 4 ring heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
 - a) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - b) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - c) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - d) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - e) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - f) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - g) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - h) nitro;
 - i) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - j) thiol;
 - k) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - l) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - m) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; and
 - n) trihalomethyl wherein halo is defined in I20 herein;

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- 23) heterocyclic of from 1 to 15 ring carbon atoms and from 1 to 4 ring atoms selected from nitrogen, sulfur and oxygen, optionally substituted with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from:
- a) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - b) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - c) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - d) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - e) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - f) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - g) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - h) nitro;
 - i) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - j) thiol;
 - k) thioalkoxy having the formula -S-alkyl, wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - l) substituted thioalkoxy having the formula -S-substituted alkyl, wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - m) thioaryloxy having the formula -S-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; and
 - n) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- 24) aryloxy of the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 25) heteroaryloxy of the formula -O-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 26) hydroxyamino;
- 27) alkoxyamino wherein alkoxy is defined in F1 herein;
- 28) nitro;
- 29) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;

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- 30) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 31) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 32) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 33) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 34) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 35) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 36) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 37) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 38) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 39) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 40) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 41) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
 - 42) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- G) substituted alkenyl having from 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 3) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 4) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
 - 5) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;

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- 6) amino;
- 7) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
- 8) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
- 9) cyano;
- 10) halogen selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- 11) hydroxyl;
- 12) carboxyl;
- 13) carboxylalkyl as defined in F17 herein;
- 14) thiol;
- 15) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
- 16) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
- 17) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- 18) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- 19) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- 20) nitro;
- 21) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 22) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 23) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 24) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F23 herein;
- 25) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 26) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 27) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
- 28) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
- 29) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
- 30) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
- 31) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;

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- 32) mono- and di-heteroaryl amino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 33) mono- and di-heterocyclic amino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein; and
 - 34) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- H) substituted alkynyl of from 1 to 3 substituents selected from:
- 1) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 2) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 3) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 4) acylamino as defined in F8 herein;
 - 5) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 6) amino;
 - 7) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 8) aminoacyloxy as defined in F12 herein;
 - 9) cyano;
 - 10) halogen selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 11) hydroxyl;
 - 12) carboxyl;
 - 13) carboxylalkyl as defined in F17 herein;
 - 14) thiol;
 - 15) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 16) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
 - 17) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 18) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 19) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;

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- 20) nitro;
 - 21) -SO-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 22) -SO-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 23) -SO-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 24) -SO-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 25) -SO₂-alkyl wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 26) -SO₂-substituted alkyl wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 27) -SO₂-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 28) -SO₂-heteroaryl wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 29) mono- and dialkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 30) mono- and di-substituted alkylamino wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein;
 - 31) mono- and di-arylamino wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 32) mono- and di-heteroarylamino wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein;
 - 33) mono- and di-heterocyclicamino wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein; and
 - 34) unsymmetric di-substituted amino having different substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic wherein alkyl is defined in A herein; wherein substituted alkyl is defined in F herein; wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein; wherein heteroaryl is defined in F22 herein; and wherein heterocyclic is defined in F23 herein;
- I) substituted cycloalkyl having 3 to 12 carbon atoms and from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) hydroxy;
 - 2) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
 - 3) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;

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- 4) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - 5) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - 6) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 7) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 8) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - 9) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - 10) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - 11) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - 12) amino;
 - 13) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 14) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 15) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 16) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 17) carboxyl;
 - 18) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 19) cyano;
 - 20) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 21) nitro;
 - 22) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 23) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 24) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein; and
 - 25) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- J) substituted cycloalkenyl having from 4 to 8 carbon atoms and from 1 to 5 substituents selected from the group consisting of:
- 1) hydroxy;
 - 2) acyl as defined in F7 herein;

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- 3) acyloxy as defined in F9 herein;
 - 4) alkyl as defined in A herein;
 - 5) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
 - 6) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
 - 7) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
 - 8) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
 - 9) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
 - 10) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
 - 11) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
 - 12) amino;
 - 13) aminoacyl as defined in F11 herein;
 - 14) alkaryl of the formula -alkylene-aryl having 8 carbon atoms in the alkylene moiety and aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 15) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
 - 16) aryloxy having the formula -O-aryl wherein aryl is defined in F21 herein;
 - 17) carboxyl;
 - 18) carboxylalkyl having the formula "-C(O)Oalkyl" wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
 - 19) cyano;
 - 20) halo selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
 - 21) nitro;
 - 22) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
 - 23) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
 - 24) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein; and
 - 25) trihalomethyl wherein halo is selected from fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo;
- K) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- L) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein; and
- M) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;

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Z' is represented by the formula -CX'X"-, -T-CH₂- or -T-C(O)- where T is selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, -NR⁵ where R⁵ is:

- N) hydrogen;
- O) acyl as defined in F7 herein;
- P) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- Q) aryl as defined in F21 herein; or
- R) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;

X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X" is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X" together form an oxo group;

R² is selected from the group consisting of:

- S) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- T) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
- U) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- V) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- W) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
- X) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- Y) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- Z) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
- AA) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;
- BB) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- BB¹) 2-aminopyrid-6-yl;
- BB²) 2-methylcyclopentyl;
- BB³) cyclohex-2-enyl; and
- BB⁴) -(CH₂)₄NHC(O)OC(CH₃)₃

W, together with -C(H)_pC(=X)-, forms a:

- CC) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- DD) cycloalkenyl as defined in E herein;

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- EE) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- FF) substituted cycloalkyl as defined in I herein; or
- GG) substituted cycloalkenyl group as defined in J herein;

wherein each of said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkenyl group is fused to form a bi- or multi-fused ring system with one or more ring structures selected from the group consisting of:

- HH) cycloalkyl as defined in D herein;
- II) cycloalkenyl as defined in E herein;
- JJ) heterocyclic as defined in F23 herein;
- KK) aryl as defined in F21 herein; and
- LL) heteroaryl as defined in F22 herein;

which, in turn, each of such ring structures is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of:

- MM) hydroxyl;
- NN) halo as defined in F21 herein;
- OO) alkoxy as defined in F1 herein;
- PP) substituted alkoxy as defined in F2 herein;
- QQ) thioalkoxy as defined in F19 herein;
- RR) substituted thioalkoxy as defined in F20 herein;
- SS) nitro;
- TT) cyano;
- UU) carboxyl;
- VV) carboxyl esters;
- WW) alkyl as defined in A herein;
- XX) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
- YY) alkenyl as defined in B herein;
- ZZ) substituted alkenyl as defined in G herein;
- AAA) alkynyl as defined in C herein;
- BBB) substituted alkynyl as defined in H herein;
- CCC) amino;

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- DDD) N-alkyl amino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
EEE) N,N-dialkyl amino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
FFF) N-substituted alkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
GGG) N-alkyl N-substituted alkylamino wherein alkyl is defined in A herein;
HHH) N,N-disubstituted alkyl amino;
III) -NHC(O)R⁴ where each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:
1) alkyl as defined in A herein;
2) substituted alkyl as defined in F herein;
3) aryl as defined in F21 herein;
JJJ) -NH₂SO₂R⁴ wherein R⁴ is defined in III herein;
KKK) -C(O)NH₂;
LLL) -C(O)NHR⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;
MMM) -C(O)NR⁴R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;
NNN) -S(O)R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;
OOO) -S(O)₂R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;
PPP) -S(O)₂NHR⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein; and
QQQ) -S(O)₂NR⁴R⁴ where R⁴ is defined in III herein;

X is selected from the group consisting of oxo (=O), thiooxo (=S), hydroxyl (-H, -OH), thiol (H, -SH) and hydro (H, H);

p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when *p* is zero, the ring defined by W and -C(H)_{*p*}C(=X)- is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH and when *p* is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH;
or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;
with the following provisos:

RRR. when R¹ is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R² is -CH₃, Z' is -CH₂-, and *p* is 1, then W, together with >CH and >C=X, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;

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SSS. when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;

TTT. when R^1 is cyclopropyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an N-methylcaprolactam group;

UUU. when R^1 is 4-chlorobenzoyl- CH_2- , R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

VVV. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;

WWW. when R^1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butyl $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

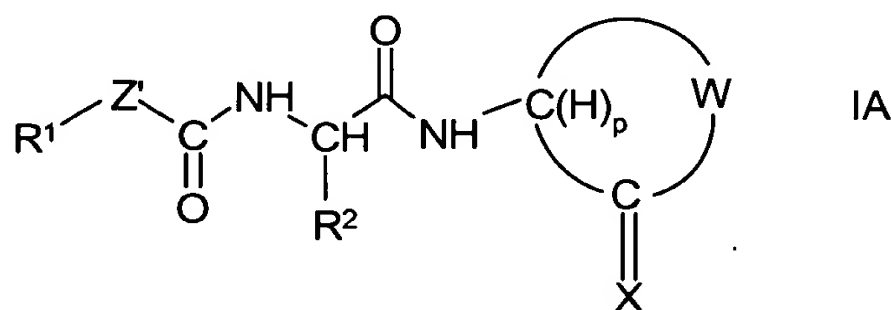
XXX. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, 4- HOCH_2 -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or $\text{CH}_3\text{S}-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

YYY. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one; and

ZZZ. when the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ forms a cycloalkyl, then it does not form a cycloalkyl of from 3 to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with 1 to 3 alkyl groups.

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118. A method for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release in a mammalian subject thereby inhibiting onset of diseases mediated by β -amyloid peptide which method comprises administering to said mammalian subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula IA:



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl and optionally substituted heterocyclic;

Z' is represented by the formula $-CX'X''-$, $-T-CH_2-$ or $-T-C(O)-$ where T is selected from the group consisting oxygen, sulfur, $-NR^5$ where R^5 is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl group; X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted heterocyclic, 2-aminopyrid-6-yl, 2-methylcyclopentyl, cyclohex-2-enyl and $-(CH_2)_4NHC(O)OC(CH_3)_3$;

W , together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)-$, forms a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl, or substituted cycloalkenyl group wherein each of said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkenyl group is fused to form a bi- or multi-fused ring system with one or more ring structures selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, aryl and heteroaryl group which, in turn, each of such ring

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structures is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halo, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, thioalkoxy, substituted thioalkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carboxyl esters, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, amino, N-alkylamino, N,N-dialkylamino, N-substituted alkylamino, N-alkyl N-substituted alkylamino, N,N-disubstituted alkylamino, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^4$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NHR}^4$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}^4\text{R}^4$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})\text{R}^4$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^4$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NHR}^4$ and $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}^4\text{R}^4$ where each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, or optionally substituted aryl;

X is selected from the group consisting of $=\text{O}$; $=\text{S}$; $-\text{H}$, $-\text{OH}$; H , $-\text{SH}$; and H , H ;

p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when p is zero, the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH and when p is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

with the following provisos:

- A. when R^1 is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;
- B. when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;
- C. when R^1 is cyclopropyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an N-methylcaprolactam group;
- D. when R^1 is 4-chlorobenzoyl- CH_2- , R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;
- E. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;
- F. when R^1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butyl $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

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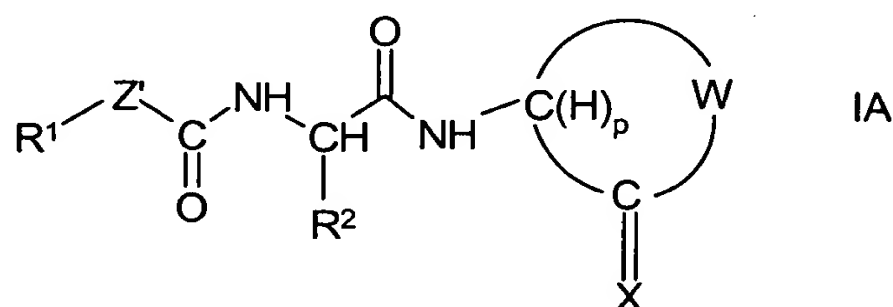
G. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, 4- HOCH_2 -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or $\text{CH}_3\text{S}-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

H. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

I. when the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ forms a cycloalkyl, then it does not form a cycloalkyl of from 3 to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with 1 to 3 alkyl groups.

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119. A method for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide synthesis and/or release in a human subject thereby inhibiting onset of diseases mediated by β -amyloid peptide which method comprises administering to said human subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula IA:



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl and optionally substituted heterocyclic;

Z' is represented by the formula $-CX'X''-$, $-T-CH_2-$ or $-T-C(O)-$ where T is selected from the group consisting oxygen, sulfur, $-NR^5$ where R^5 is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl group; X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group;

R^2 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl, optionally substituted heterocyclic, 2-aminopyrid-6-yl, 2-methylcyclopentyl, cyclohex-2-enyl and $-(CH_2)_4NHC(O)OC(CH_3)_3$;

W , together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)-$, forms a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl, or substituted cycloalkenyl group wherein each of said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkenyl group is fused to form a bi- or multi-fused ring system with one or more ring structures selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, aryl and heteroaryl group which, in turn, each of such ring

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X is selected from the group consisting of $=\text{O}$; $=\text{S}$; $-\text{H}$, $-\text{OH}$; H , $-\text{SH}$; and H , H ;

p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when p is zero, the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH and when p is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

with the following provisos:

- A. when R^1 is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;
- B. when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;
- C. when R^1 is cyclopropyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an N-methylcaprolactam group;
- D. when R^1 is 4-chlorobenzoyl- CH_2- , R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;
- E. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;
- F. when R^1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butyl $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

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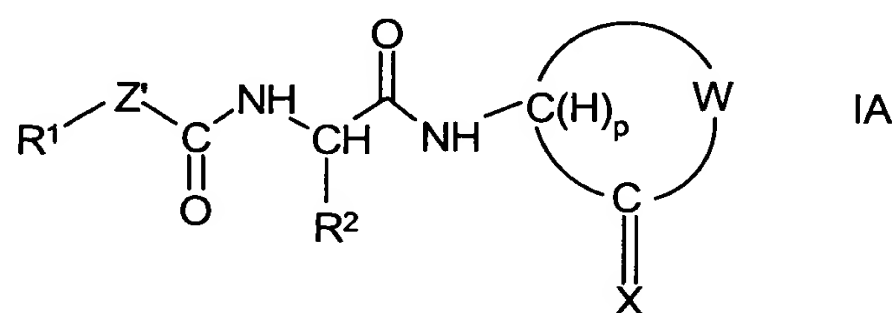
G. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, 4- HOCH_2 -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or $\text{CH}_3\text{S}-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

H. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

I. when the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ forms a cycloalkyl, then it does not form a cycloalkyl of from 3 to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with 1 to 3 alkyl groups.

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120. A method for treating a human subject with AD in order to inhibit further deterioration in the condition of said human subject which method comprises administering to said subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula IA:



wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted aryl, optionally substituted heteroaryl and optionally substituted heterocyclic;

Z' is represented by the formula $-CX'X''-$, $-T-CH_2-$ or $-T-C(O)-$ where T is selected from the group consisting oxygen, sulfur, $-NR^5$ where R^5 is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, optionally substituted aryl or optionally substituted heteroaryl group; X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group;

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p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when p is zero, the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH and when p is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to NH;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

with the following provisos:

- A. when R^1 is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;
- B. when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;
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- E. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;
- F. when R^1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butyl $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

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G. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, 4- HOCH_2 -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or $\text{CH}_3\text{S}-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}_2-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

H. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z' is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-$, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(N,N-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

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**CYCLOALKYL, LACTAM, LACTONE AND RELATED
COMPOUNDS, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING
SAME, AND METHODS FOR INHIBITING β -AMYLOID PEPTIDE
RELEASE AND/OR ITS SYNTHESIS BY USE OF SUCH COMPOUNDS**

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/064,851 which was converted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)(2)(ii) from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/780,025, filed December 23, 1996.

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to compounds which inhibit β -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis, and, accordingly, have utility in treating Alzheimer's disease.

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All of the above publications, patents and patent applications are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety to the same extent as if each individual publication, patent or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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State of the Art

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is a degenerative brain disorder characterized clinically by progressive loss of memory, cognition, reasoning, judgment and emotional stability that gradually leads to profound mental deterioration and ultimately death. AD is a very common cause of progressive mental failure (dementia) in aged humans and is believed to represent the fourth most common medical cause of death in the United States. AD has been observed in races and ethnic groups worldwide and presents a major present and future public health problem. The disease is currently estimated to affect about two to three million individuals in the United States alone. AD is at present incurable. No treatment that effectively prevents AD or reverses its symptoms and course is currently known.

The brains of individuals with AD exhibit characteristic lesions termed senile (or amyloid) plaques, amyloid angiopathy (amyloid deposits in blood vessels) and neurofibrillary tangles. Large numbers of these lesions, particularly amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles, are generally found in several areas of the human brain important for memory and cognitive function in patients with AD. Smaller numbers of these lesions in a more restrictive anatomical distribution are also found in the brains of most aged humans who do not have clinical AD. Amyloid plaques and amyloid angiopathy also characterize the brains of individuals with Trisomy 21 (Down's Syndrome) and Hereditary Cerebral Hemorrhage with Amyloidosis of the Dutch Type

(HCHWA-D). At present, a definitive diagnosis of AD usually requires observing the aforementioned lesions in the brain tissue of patients who have died with the disease or, rarely, in small biopsied samples of brain tissue taken during an invasive neurosurgical procedure.

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The principal chemical constituent of the amyloid plaques and vascular amyloid deposits (amyloid angiopathy) characteristic of AD and the other disorders mentioned above is an approximately 4.2 kilodalton (kD) protein of about 39-43 amino acids designated the β -amyloid peptide (β AP) or sometimes $A\beta$, $A\beta$ P or $\beta/A4$. β -Amyloid peptide was first purified and a partial amino acid sequence was provided by Glenner, et al.¹ The isolation procedure and the sequence data for the first 28 amino acids are described in U.S. Patent No. 4,666,829².

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Molecular biological and protein chemical analyses have shown that the β -amyloid peptide is a small fragment of a much larger precursor protein termed the amyloid precursor protein (APP), that is normally produced by cells in many tissues of various animals, including humans. Knowledge of the structure of the gene encoding APP has demonstrated that β -amyloid peptide arises as a peptide fragment that is cleaved from APP by protease enzyme(s). The precise biochemical mechanism by which the β -amyloid peptide fragment is cleaved from APP and subsequently deposited as amyloid plaques in the cerebral tissue and in the walls of the cerebral and meningeal blood vessels is currently unknown.

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Several lines of evidence indicate that progressive cerebral deposition of β -amyloid peptide plays a seminal role in the pathogenesis of AD and can precede cognitive symptoms by years or decades. See, for example, Selkoe³. The most important line of evidence is the discovery that missense DNA mutations at amino acid 717 of the 770-amino acid isoform of APP can be found in affected members but not unaffected members of several families with

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a genetically determined (familial) form of AD (Goate, et al.⁴; Chartier Harlan, et al.⁵; and Murrell, et al.⁶) and is referred to as the Swedish variant. A double mutation changing lysine⁵⁹⁵-methionine⁵⁹⁶ to asparagine⁵⁹⁵-leucine⁵⁹⁶ (with reference to the 695 isoform) found in a Swedish family was reported in 1992 (Mullan, et al.⁷). Genetic linkage analyses have demonstrated that these mutations, as well as certain other mutations in the APP gene, are the specific molecular cause of AD in the affected members of such families. In addition, a mutation at amino acid 693 of the 770-amino acid isoform of APP has been identified as the cause of the β -amyloid peptide deposition disease, HCHWA-D, and a change from alanine to glycine at amino acid 692 appears to cause a phenotype that resembles AD in some patients but HCHWA-D in others. The discovery of these and other mutations in APP in genetically based cases of AD prove that alteration of APP and subsequent deposition of its β -amyloid peptide fragment can cause AD.

Despite the progress which has been made in understanding the underlying mechanisms of AD and other β -amyloid peptide related diseases, there remains a need to develop methods and compositions for treatment of the disease(s). Ideally, the treatment methods would advantageously be based on drugs which are capable of inhibiting β -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis *in vivo*.

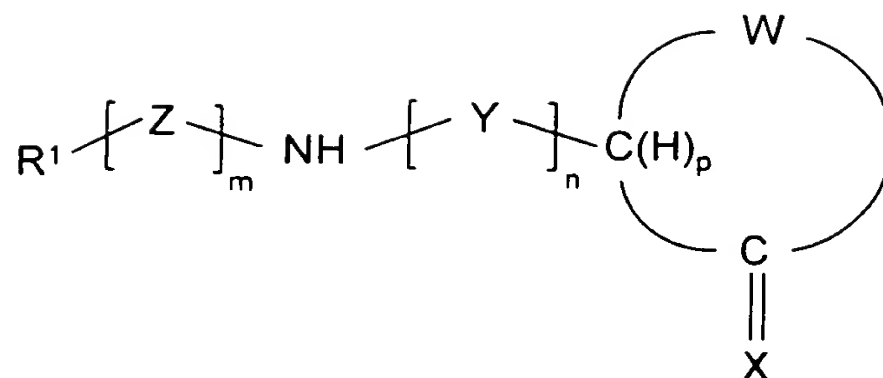
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to the discovery of a class of compounds which inhibit β -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis and, therefore, are useful in the prevention of AD in patients susceptible to AD and/or in the treatment of patients with AD in order to inhibit further deterioration in their condition. The class of compounds having the described properties are defined by formula I below:

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wherein R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, substituted alkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted alkynyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkenyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

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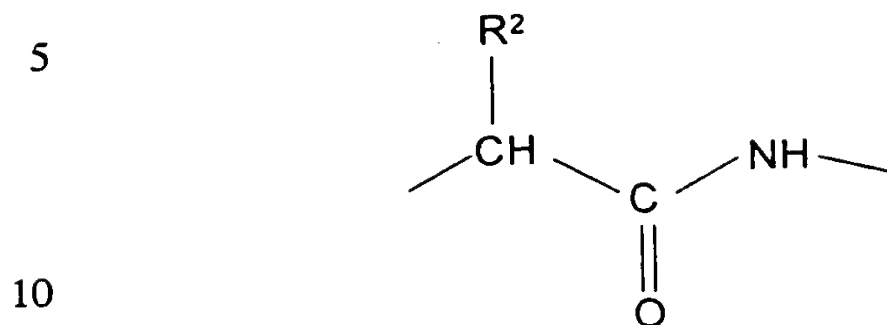
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W, together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)-$, forms a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl, or substituted cycloalkenyl group wherein each of said cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, substituted cycloalkyl or substituted cycloalkenyl group is optionally fused to form a bi- or multi-fused ring system (preferably no more than 5 fused rings) with one or more ring structures selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic, aryl and heteroaryl group which, in turn, each of such ring structures are optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halo, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, thioalkoxy, substituted thioalkoxy, nitro, cyano, carboxyl, carboxyl esters, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, amino, N-alkylamino, N,N-dialkylamino, N-substituted alkylamino, N-alkyl N-substituted alkylamino, N,N-disubstituted alkylamino, $-NHC(O)R^4$, $-NH SO_2 R^4$, $-C(O)NH_2$, $-C(O)NHR^4$, $-C(O)NR^4 R^4$, $-S(O)R^4$, $-S(O)_2 R^4$, $-S(O)_2 NHR^4$ and $-S(O)_2 NR^4 R^4$ where each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, or aryl;

X is selected from the group consisting of oxo ($=O$), thiooxo ($=S$), hydroxyl ($-H$, $-OH$), thiol (H , $-SH$) and hydro (H , H);

Y is represented by the formula:



15 wherein each R^2 is independently selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclic;

Z is represented by the formula $-\text{T}-\text{CX}'\text{X}''\text{C}(\text{O})-$ where T is selected from the group consisting of a bond covalently linking R^1 to $-\text{CX}'\text{X}''-$, oxygen, sulfur, $-\text{NR}^5$ where R^5 is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group;

X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro,

X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group;

m is an integer equal to 0 or 1;

25 n is an integer equal to 0, 1 or 2;

p is an integer equal to 0 or 1 such that when p is zero, the ring defined by W and $-\text{C}(\text{H})_p\text{C}(=\text{X})-$ is unsaturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to Y and when p is one, the ring is saturated at the carbon atom of ring attachment to Y,

30 with the following provisos:

A. when R^1 is 3,5-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W, together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2-(S)-indanol group;

B. when R^1 is phenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a trans-2-hydroxy-cyclohex-1-yl group;

5 C. when R^1 is phenyl, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 0, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a gamma-butyrolactone group or a 5,5-dimethyl-gamma-butyrolactone group;

D. when R^1 is phenyl, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 0, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a ϵ -caprolactam group;

10 E. when R^1 is cyclopropyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an N-methylcaprolactam group;

F. when R^1 is 4-chlorobenzoyl- CH_2- , R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

15 G. when R^1 is 2-phenylphenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 7-methyl-5,7-dihydro-6H-dibenz[b,d]azepin-6-one;

20 H. when R^1 is $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form an 2,3-dihydro-1-(*t*-butyl $\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

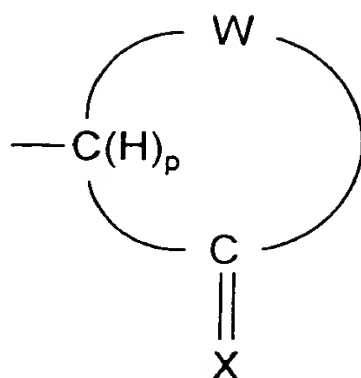
25 I. when R^1 is 4-ethoxyphenyl, 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 4-phenylphenyl, $\text{CH}_3\text{OC}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2-$, 4- HOCH_2 -phenyl, 2,4,6-trifluorophenyl, 2-trifluoromethyl-4-fluorophenyl, or $\text{CH}_3\text{S}-$, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(*N,N*-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one;

J. when R^1 is 2,6-difluorophenyl, R^2 is $-\text{CH}_3$, Z is $-\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{C}(\text{O})-$, m is 1, n is 1, and p is 1, then W , together with $>\text{CH}$ and $>\text{C}=\text{X}$, does not form a 2,3-dihydro-1-(*N,N*-diethylamino- CH_2CH_2-)-5-(2-pyridyl)-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one,

30 K. when m is 1 and n is 1, then

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does not equal cycloalkyl of from 3 to 8 carbon atoms optionally substituted with 1 to 3 alkyl groups.

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Accordingly, in one of its method aspects, this invention is directed to a method for inhibiting β -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis in a cell which method comprises administering to such a cell an amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula I above effective in inhibiting the cellular release and/or synthesis of β -amyloid peptide.

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Because the *in vivo* generation of β -amyloid peptide is associated with the pathogenesis of AD^{8,9}, the compounds of formula I can also be employed in conjunction with a pharmaceutical composition to prophylactically and/or therapeutically prevent and/or treat AD. Accordingly, in another of its method aspects, this invention is directed to a prophylactic method for preventing the onset of AD in a patient at risk for developing AD which method comprises administering to said patient a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically inert carrier and an effective amount of a compound or a mixture of compounds of formula I above.

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Example Bio-1

Cellular Screen for the Detection of Inhibitors of β -Amyloid Production

Numerous compounds of formula I above were assayed for their ability to inhibit β -amyloid production in a cell line possessing the Swedish mutation.

5 This screening assay employed cells (K293 = human kidney cell line) which were stably transfected with the gene for amyloid precursor protein 751 (APP751) containing the double mutation Lys₆₅₁Met₆₅₂ to Asn₆₅₁Leu₆₅₂ (APP751 numbering) in the manner described in International Patent Application Publication No. 94/10569⁸ and Citron et al.¹². This mutation is commonly called
10 the Swedish mutation and the cells, designated as "293 751 SWE", were plated in Corning 96-well plates at $2-4 \times 10^4$ cells per well in Dulbecco's minimal essential media (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) plus 10% fetal bovine serum. Cell number is important in order to achieve β -amyloid ELISA results within the linear range of the assay (~ 0.2 to 2.5 ng per mL).

15 Following overnight incubation at 37°C in an incubator equilibrated with 10% carbon dioxide, media were removed and replaced with $200\ \mu\text{L}$ of a compound of formula I (drug) containing media per well for a two hour pretreatment period and cells were incubated as above. Drug stocks were
20 prepared in 100% dimethyl sulfoxide such that at the final drug concentration used in the treatment, the concentration of dimethyl sulfoxide did not exceed 0.5% and, in fact, usually equaled 0.1%.

At the end of the pretreatment period, the media were again removed and
25 replaced with fresh drug containing media as above and cells were incubated for an additional two hours. After treatment, plates were centrifuged in a Beckman GPR at 1200 rpm for five minutes at room temperature to pellet cellular debris from the conditioned media. From each well, $100\ \mu\text{L}$ of conditioned media or appropriate dilutions thereof were transferred into an ELISA plate precoated
30 with antibody 266 [P. Seubert, *Nature* (1992) 359:325-327] against amino acids 13-28 of β -amyloid peptide as described in International Patent Application

Publication No. 94/10569⁸ and stored at 4°C overnight. An ELISA assay employing labelled antibody 3D6 [P. Seubert, *Nature* (1992) **359**:325-327] against amino acids 1-5 of β -amyloid peptide was run the next day to measure the amount of β -amyloid peptide produced.

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Cytotoxic effects of the compounds were measured by a modification of the method of Hansen, et al.¹³. To the cells remaining in the tissue culture plate was added 25 μ L of a 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT) (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) stock solution (5 mg/mL) to a final
10 concentration of 1 mg/mL. Cells were incubated at 37°C for one hour, and cellular activity was stopped by the addition of an equal volume of MTT lysis buffer (20% w/v sodium dodecylsulfate in 50% dimethylformamide, pH 4.7). Complete extraction was achieved by overnight shaking at room temperature. The difference in the OD_{562nm} and the OD_{650nm} was measured in a Molecular
15 Device's UV_{max} microplate reader as an indicator of the cellular viability.

The results of the β -amyloid peptide ELISA were fit to a standard curve and expressed as ng/mL β -amyloid peptide. In order to normalize for cytotoxicity, these results were divided by the MTT results and expressed as a
20 percentage of the results from a drug free control. All results are the mean and standard deviation of at least six replicate assays.

The test compounds were assayed for β -amyloid peptide production inhibition activity in cells using this assay. The results of this assay demonstrate
25 that the compounds of formula I inhibit β -amyloid peptide production by at least 30% as compared to control.

Example Bio-2

***In Vivo* Suppression of β -Amyloid Release and/or Synthesis**

30 This example illustrates how the compounds of this invention could be tested for *in vivo* suppression of β -amyloid release and/or synthesis. For these

experiments, 3 to 4 month old PDAPP mice are used [Games et al., (1995) *Nature* 373:523-527]. Depending upon which compound is being tested, the compound is usually formulated at between 1 and 10 mg/mL. Because of the low solubility factors of the compounds, they may be formulated with various vehicles, such as corn oil (Safeway, South San Francisco, CA); 10% ethanol in corn oil; 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin (Research Biochemicals International, Natick MA); and carboxy-methyl-cellulose (Sigma Chemical Co., St. Louis MO).

The mice are dosed subcutaneously with a 26 gauge needle and 3 hours later the animals are euthanized via CO₂ narcosis and blood is taken by cardiac puncture using a 1 cc 25G 5/8" tuberculin syringe/needle coated with solution of 0.5 M EDTA, pH 8.0. The blood is placed in a Becton-Dickinson vacutainer tube containing EDTA and spun down for 15 minutes at 1500 xg at 5°C. The brains of the mice are then removed and the cortex and hippocampus are dissected out and placed on ice.

1. Brain Assay

To prepare hippocampal and cortical tissue for enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) each brain region is homogenized in 10 volumes of ice cold guanidine buffer (5.0 M guanidine-HCl, 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0) using a Kontes motorized pestle (Fisher, Pittsburgh PA). The homogenates are gently rocked on a rotating platform for three to four hours at room temperature and stored at -20°C prior to quantitation of β -amyloid.

The brain homogenates are diluted 1:10 with ice-cold casein buffer [0.25% casein, phosphate buffered saline (PBS), 0.05% sodium azide, 20 μ g/ml aprotinin, 5 mM EDTA, pH 8.0, 10 μ g/ml leupeptin], thereby reducing the final concentration of guanidine to 0.5 M, before centrifugation at 16,000 xg for 20 minutes at 4°C. Samples are further diluted, if necessary, to achieve an optimal range for the ELISA measurements by the addition of casein buffer with 0.5 M

guanidine hydrochloride added. The β -amyloid standards (1-40 or 1-42 amino acids) were prepared such that the final composition equaled 0.5 M guanidine in the presence of 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA).

5 The total β -amyloid sandwich ELISA, quantitating both β -amyloid (aa 1-40) and β -amyloid (aa 1-42) consists of two monoclonal antibodies (mAb) to β -amyloid. The capture antibody, 266 [P. Seubert, *Nature* (1992) 359:325-327], is specific to amino acids 13 - 28 of β -amyloid. The antibody 3D6 [Johnson-Wood et al., *PNAS USA* (1997) 94:1550-1555], which is specific to amino acids
10 1 - 5 of β -amyloid, is biotinylated and served as the reporter antibody in the assay. The 3D6 biotinylation procedure employs the manufacturer's (Pierce, Rockford IL) protocol for NHS-biotin labeling of immunoglobulins except that 100 mM sodium bicarbonate, pH 8.5 buffer is used. The 3D6 antibody does not recognize secreted amyloid precursor protein (APP) or full-length APP but
15 detects only β -amyloid species with an amino terminal aspartic acid. The assay has a lower limit of sensitivity of ~50 pg/ml (11 pM) and shows no cross-reactivity to the endogenous murine β -amyloid peptide at concentrations up to 1 ng/ml.

20 The configuration of the sandwich ELISA quantitating the level of β -amyloid (aa 1-42) employs the mAb 21F12 [Johnson-Wood et al., *PNAS USA* (1997) 94:1550-1555] (which recognizes amino acids 33-42 of β -amyloid) as the capture antibody. Biotinylated 3D6 is also the reporter antibody in this assay which has a lower limit of sensitivity of ~125 pg/ml (28 pM).

25 The 266 and 21F12 capture mAbs are coated at 10 μ g/ml into 96 well immunoassay plates (Costar, Cambridge MA) overnight at room temperature. The plates are then aspirated and blocked with 0.25% human serum albumin in PBS buffer for at least 1 hour at room temperature, then stored desiccated at
30 4°C until use. The plates are rehydrated with wash buffer (Tris-buffered saline, 0.05% Tween 20) prior to use. The samples and standards are added to the

plates and incubated overnight at 4°C. The plates are washed ≥ 3 times with wash buffer between each step of the assay. The biotinylated 3D6, diluted to 0.5 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ in casein incubation buffer (0.25% casein, PBS, 0.05% Tween 20, pH 7.4) is incubated in the well for 1 hour at room temperature. Avidin-HRP (Vector, Burlingame CA) diluted 1:4000 in casein incubation buffer is added to the wells for 1 hour at room temperature. The colorimetric substrate, Slow TMB-ELISA (Pierce, Cambridge MA), is added and allowed to react for 15 minutes, after which the enzymatic reaction is stopped with addition of 2 N H_2SO_4 . Reaction product is quantified using a Molecular Devices Vmax (Molecular Devices, Menlo Park CA) measuring the difference in absorbance at 450 nm and 650 nm.

2. Blood Assay

The EDTA plasma is diluted 1:1 in specimen diluent (0.2 gm/l sodium phosphate• H_2O (monobasic), 2.16 gm/l sodium phosphate• $7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (dibasic), 0.5gm/l thimerosal, 8.5 gm/l sodium chloride, 0.5 ml Triton X-405, 6.0 g/l globulin-free bovine serum albumin; and water). The samples and standards in specimen diluent are assayed using the total β -amyloid assay (266 capture/3D6 reporter) described above for the brain assay except the specimen diluent was used instead of the casein diluents described.

Formulations other than those described above can also be used for oral delivery and intravenous delivery to a mammal. For oral delivery, the compound can be mixed with either 100% corn oil or, alternatively, in a solution containing 80% corn oil, 19.5% oleic acid and 0.5% labrafil. The compound can be mixed with the above solutions in concentrations ranging from 1 mg/mL to 10 mg/mL. The compound in solution is preferably administered orally to the mammal at a dose volume of 5 mL/kg of body weight. For IV delivery, the compound is preferably mixed with a solution of 3% ethanol, 3% solutol HS-15 and 94% saline. The compound is preferably mixed with the above solution in concentrations ranging from 0.25 mg/mL to 5 mg/mL. The

compound in solution is preferably administered by IV to the mammal at a dose volume of 2 mL/kg of body weight.

5 From the foregoing description, various modifications and changes in the composition and method will occur to those skilled in the art. All such modifications coming within the scope of the appended claims are intended to be included therein.

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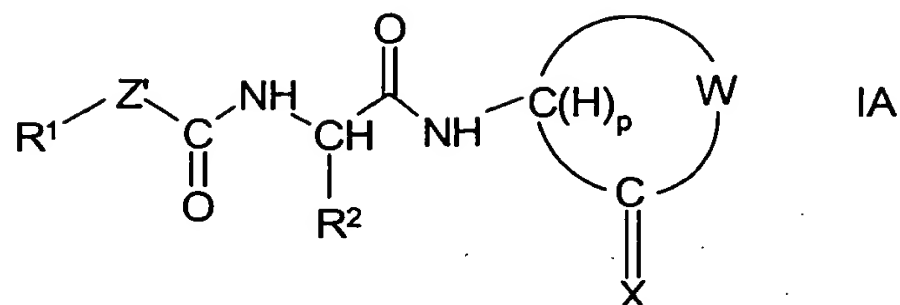
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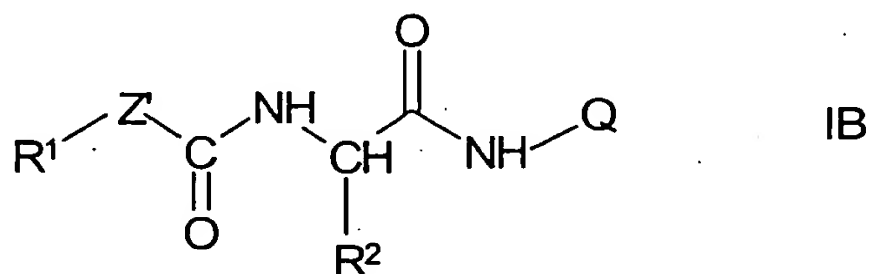
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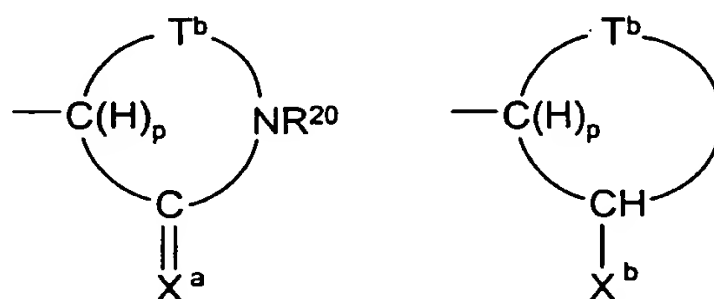


wherein R^1 , R^2 , W, X and p are as defined hereinabove with respect to formula I and Z' is represented by the formula $-CX'X''-$, $-T-CH_2-$ or $-T-C(O)-$ where T is selected from the group consisting oxygen, sulfur, $-NR^5$ where R^5 is hydrogen, acyl, alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl group; X' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro; X'' is hydrogen, hydroxy or fluoro, or X' and X'' together form an oxo group.

A further grouping of compounds within the invention can be represented by the following formula IB:



wherein R^1 and R^2 are defined hereinabove with respect to formula I, Z' is defined hereinabove with respect to formula IA, and Q is selected from the group of monocyclic and polycyclic groups having the formulas:





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- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 99-112 and 118-130 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 99-112 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 118-130 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
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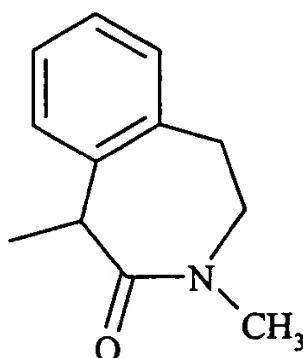
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Applicant's amendments and remarks filed 12/10/02 have been received and reviewed.

Claims 99-112 and 118-130 are now pending in this application.

Applicants are advised that only the elected subject matter is under consideration. That is, compounds and pharmaceutical compositions, wherein W, together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)$, and Q form the ring system



is under consideration.

Claims 99-112 along with subject matter not embraced by this ring system of the remaining claims are withdrawn from consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected subject matter. Election was made without traverse in Paper No. 11.

Applicants are advised that this application still contains non-elected subject matter in the claims. Note, the court in *In re Herrick et al* and *In re Joyce* (both at 115 USPQ 412) held that an election of species requirement was, in fact, a restriction requirement.

Improper Markush Rejection

Claims 118-130 are again rejected as being drawn to an improper Markush group, that is, the claims lack unity of invention. The basis of this rejection is the same as given in the previous office action and is incorporated herein fully by reference. Applicants argue that the Examiner

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did not consider the compound as a whole. However, the compounds were in fact considered as whole and determined that their inclusion in a common group is repugnant to principles of scientific classification. In re Harnish restricted the applicant to one core, and indicated in footnote 7, thereof, that a restriction and rejection based on a reference for one ring not being a reference for another was authorized (206 USPQ 300 at 305 and 306). Footnote 7 of Harnish says “having recognized the possibility of rejecting a Markush group on the basis of independent and distinct inventions” in that a reference for one would not be a reference for the other.

Limiting the claims to compounds wherein W, together with $-C(H)_pC(=X)$, and Q form the elected ring system (the benzoazepinone ring) would overcome this rejection.

Provisos

There are provisos in the claims that exclude compounds embraced by the claims. If these provisos are present to avoid prior art, applicants are urgently requested to point out these references to the examiner because of their importance in the examination of the claims. Applicants did not respond to this query.

Applicants comment regarding overlapping subject matter in WO 99/67221; WO 98/28268 and WO 2001/034571 is sought. Applicants are required to maintain a clear line of demarcation between the applications. See MPEP § 822. Applicants have not indicated what the differences are.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bruck Kifle whose telephone number is (703) 305-4484.

The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556 or (703) 305-3592. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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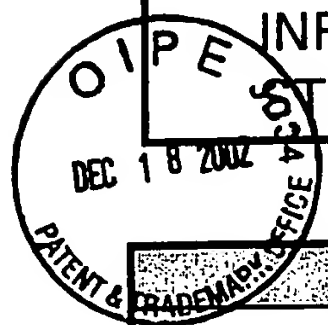
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/11/02 and 4/16/02.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 91-117 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) 99-112 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 91-98 and 113-117 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
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*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
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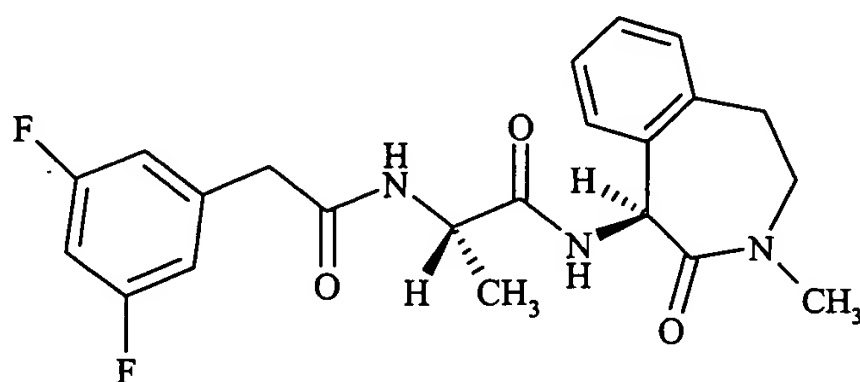
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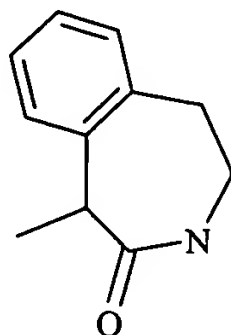
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Election/Restriction

Applicant's election without traverse of the compound depicted below in Paper No. 11 is acknowledged.



The search was conducted to embrace compounds wherein W, together with -C(H)_pC(=X), and Q forms the ring system:



Claims 99-112 along with subject matter not embraced by this ring system of the remaining claims are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Improper Markush Rejection

Claims 91-98 and 113-117 are rejected under a judicially created doctrine as being drawn to an improper Markush group, that is, the claims lack unity of invention. The variables R¹ and the ring formed by W, together with -C(H)_pC(=X), and Q are defined in such a way that they keep changing the core of the compound that determines the classification. By changing these

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values, several patentably distinct and independent compounds are claimed. In order to have unity of invention the compounds must have “a community of chemical or physical characteristics” which justify their inclusion in a common group, and that such inclusion is not repugnant to principles of scientific classification” In re JONES (CCPA) 74 USPQ 149 (see footnote 2). The structural formula IA and IB do not have a significant structural feature that is shared by all of its alternatives which is inventive. The structural formula IA and IB only have the -NH-C(O)-CH(R²)-NH-C(O) fragment as common. Compounds embraced by formula IA and IB are so diverse in nature that a prior art anticipating a claim with respect to one member under 35 USC 102 would not render obvious the same claim under 35 USC 103. This is evidentiary of patentably distinct and independent inventions.

Limiting the claims to compounds wherein W, together with -C(H)_pC(=X), and Q form the elected ring system (the benzoazepin-2-one ring) would overcome this rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 94 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 94 improperly depends on claims 91-93. Claim 94 is drawn to a pharmaceutical composition while claims 91-93 are drawn to a method of use each.

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Claims 92, 96, 98 and 113-117 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for preventing the onset of AD in humans.

In evaluating the enablement question, several factors are to be considered. Note In re Wands, 8 USPQ2d 1400 and Ex parte Forman, 230 USPQ 546. The factors include: 1) The nature of the invention, 2) the state of the prior art, 3) the predictability or lack thereof in the art, 4) the amount of direction or guidance present, 5) the presence or absence of working examples, 6) the breadth of the claims, and 7) the quantity of experimentation needed.

1) The nature of the invention: These claims are drawn in part to preventing the onset of AD

2) The state of the prior art: There are no known compounds which have been demonstrated to prevent Alzheimer's disease.

3) The predictability or lack thereof in the art: It is presumed in the prevention of the diseases and/or disorders that there is a way of identifying those people who may develop AD. There is no evidence of record which would enable the skilled artisan in the identification of the people who have the potential of becoming afflicted with AD.

4) The amount of direction or guidance present and 5) the presence or absence of working examples: There are no doses present to direct one to protect a human host from AD and there is no data present for the prevention of AD.

6) The breadth of the claims: The claims are drawn to a disorder whose prevention is unknown.

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7) The quantity of experimentation need would be an undue burden to one skilled in the pharmaceutical arts since there is inadequate guidance given to the skilled artisan for the many reasons stated above. Getting agents to be effective against AD has proven extremely difficult. Despite extraordinary efforts with a variety of agents in this area, only two pharmaceuticals have been made to treat AD, both acetylcholinesterase antagonists, a property that these compounds are not disclosed to have. No one has been able to figure out how to get inhibitors of β -amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis to be effective to prevent the onset of AD, which is evidence of the low skill level in this art relative to the difficulty of the task.

Thus, factors such as “sufficient working examples”, “the level of skill in the art” and “predictability”, etc. have been demonstrated to be sufficiently lacking in the instant case for the instant method claims.

Provisos

There are provisos in the claims that exclude compounds embraced by the claims. If these provisos are present to avoid prior art, applicants are urgently requested to point out these references to the examiner because of their importance in the examination of the claims.

The search revealed that the compound of RN 425386-60-3 is disclosed in WO 2002/040,051 (US 60/249,656) which is Applicant's pending application. Also, application 09/338,180 contains compounds instantly claimed. Applicants are required to maintain a clear line of demarcation between the applications. See MPEP § 822.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bruck Kifle whose telephone number is (703) 305-4484.

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